

## DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 29th MAY 2011

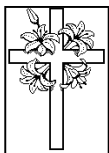
### ✠ SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (A) ✠

<b>Sun 29</b>	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Patrick Lee RIP
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Sean Duffy RIP
		11.00am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo
		<i>12.15pm</i>	<i>Baptism: Christian Quaradeghini</i>
<b>Mon 30</b>	Feria	9.30am	<i>Holy Rosary</i> (daily, 30mins before Mass)
		10.00am	✠ Mass: Sylvester Kiernan RIP
<b>Tues 31</b>	Visitation of BVM	10.00am	✠ Mass: Mary Mahoney RIP
<b>Wed 1</b>	St Justin	10.00am	✠ Mass: Eleuterio Sequeira RIP
		1.00pm	✠ Requiem Mass: Sheila Whyte
<b>Thu 2</b>	Feria	7.00am	✠ Mass: Giovanni Zeuli RIP
<b>Fri 3</b>	SS Charles Lwanga and companions	10.00am	✠ Mass: Patrick Walsh RIP <i>The Novena to the Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom begins</i>
<b>Sat 4</b>	Feria	10.00am	✠ Mass: Bernadette Beare RIP
		<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
		<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Baptism</i>

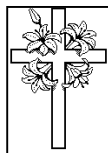
### ✠ The ASCENSION of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (A) ✠

<b>Sun 5</b>	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Kerry Caulfield-Keating RIP
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo
		11.00am	✠ Mass: Seamus McCullough
		<i>2.00pm</i>	<i>Marriage of Victor and Sharon</i>
		<i>4.00pm</i>	<i>Sacred Heart Devotions and Benediction</i>

Please pray for Michael Donovan, recently dead;  
and for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



*Paul Priest, Eileen Lisgarten, Melissa Morris, Debra Grey,  
Agnes Ball, Laurence Rebello, Joshua Paine, John (Sean) Duffy,  
Eleuterio Sequeira, George Owens, Clodagh Parris,  
Alan Bunting, Seamus McCullough, Irene Mason, John Flannery,  
Doris Boxhall, David Boxall, Margaret McGargle and Peter Seath.*



*May their souls and the souls of all the ✠ faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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### ✠ SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (A) ✠

#### WORD of GOD

I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate.

*(John 14:16)*

#### WORD for TODAY

It's not as if we were expected to carry on preaching the message of Christ with no help. We have not been left as orphans; we have been sent the Holy Spirit who acts within us, ever by our side, prompting us to proclaim the truth and sustaining us when we feel we are not up to the task.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

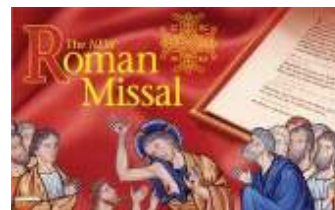
Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!



**Psalm 65**



#### THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

*Further examples of the changes in the people's responses that will come into effect in September.*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:* The Word of the Lord.

*All reply:* Thanks be to God. *The deacon, or the Priest says:* The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:* And with your spirit. *The deacon, or the Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to N. *The people acclaim:* Glory to you, O Lord. *At the*

*end of the Gospel, the deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:* The Gospel of the Lord. *All*

*reply:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## AROUND the PARISH

**WEBSITE** The parish website has been updated recently with photos of recent and not so recent events [<http://www.ourladyofgillingham.org/index.php/phoca>].

**CONFIRMATION** this year will be on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm. Registration forms are now available Sessions begin on Monday 6th June at 7pm.

**PARISH BARBECUE** will be held in the presbytery garden on Sunday 12th June at 1pm. Tickets are £5 and there will also be a raffle. Bring your own drinks and come and have a fun afternoon with fellow parishioners and their families. All money raised will go towards the Building Fund. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

## AROUND the DIOCESE and BEYOND

**INVOCATION 2011** is a forthcoming national festival for young adults, to be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from 17th - 19th June. This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are searching for the knowledge and tools to develop their own personal formation, discernment and understanding of God's will for their lives: for some this may mean being open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. For more information, and to book: <http://invocation.org.uk>.

**MILES JESU TRUST** On Sunday 19th June the Martyrs' Walk will be held in London, honouring our English martyrs. It begins at 1.30pm for 2pm start at St Sepulchre's churchyard

(opposite the Old Bailey) and will continue with a walk through London, with stops for talks and the Rosary, finishing at Tyburn Convent at 5pm with Benediction, confessions, and tea. Everyone is welcome; come and join in this witness to our faith.

**St JOSEPH'S COLLEGE** Beulah Hill, invites all former students and their families to the Celebration of 125 years of The 49 Club (Old Josephians) at the College on Saturday 25th June from 11.30. More details available from Stephen Horsman at the College, tel. 020 8761 1426, email: [shorsman@sjc.ac](mailto:shorsman@sjc.ac), or from Gerry Murphy, tel. 020 8651 2510, email: [gsm.sjc@gmail.com](mailto:gsm.sjc@gmail.com).

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP** Aldham, Essex. A camping holiday with an enormous range of activities. Bookings are now being taken for the St John Bosco boys' and girls' camps run by The St Vincent De Paul Society. Boys' camp runs for 3 weeks from 23rd July to 13th August (children will only attend one week) and the girls' camp runs from 13th to 20th August. The age range for boys is 8 to 13 years and girls is 9 to 12 years. Application forms and parental notes are available from the office or contact the boys' booking secretary email: [bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk](mailto:bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk), or 01708 509790 (6pm-9pm), the girls' booking secretary on 01634 311350.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES** See the poster giving details of this year's pilgrimage from 19th - 26th August. For details: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/lourdes2011.html>.

**FOUNDATION DEGREE in PASTORAL MINISTRY** Applications are invited for a Foundation Degree in

Pastoral Ministry taught on Thursdays during the day, at Education for Parish Service (EPS), housed at the Christian Education Centre, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London, SW17 8BS and beginning in late September. The focus is on theology and its practical application in the parish/pastoral setting and in the individual's own spiritual journey. EPS offers a highly supportive environment for those returning to study after many years. All enquiries welcome. Email: [rebekah@eps-uk.org.uk](mailto:rebekah@eps-uk.org.uk) or Tel: 020 8767 4445.

**ALTAR SERVERS' ROME TRIP 2011** led by Fr Stephen Boyle, Tuesday 25th-Thursday 27th October. Places are limited and closing date for booking is 30th July. For more information contact Fr Stephen Boyle, email: [sboyle@clara.net](mailto:sboyle@clara.net), 01689 842644.

**MISSIO** Summer editions of *Mission Today*, celebrating 75 years of the Red Box are now available, along with information of a thanksgiving Mass to be celebrated at the cathedral on 25th September.

**FAITH IN FOCUS: ON OUR SIDE** It's quite common these days to see on the TV news that someone is starting an appeal against the justice system. They believe that all the evidence did not come out, that their confession was made under duress, or that they were wrongly convicted due to a miscarriage of justice. Usually they don't understand the law well enough, so they employ an expensive high-profile lawyer to put their case. These lawyers are paid to do two things for their clients: they act as an advocate and they appeal. An advocate is someone we call to be by our side when we are in need. (Paraclete is the same word in Greek.) Having an advocate simply

means that by ourselves we can't cope; the situation is too complex for us to be able to deal with it alone. When a lawyer appeals, he or she acts on behalf of the client to ensure that the court sees the individual not in a biased light but in a sympathetic way. An appeal commends the person to the court, asks that any negative decision be removed and that the client be treated in a favourable way. This is how Jesus describes the Holy Spirit. He asks the Father to send us an Advocate or Paraclete and he says that the Advocate will be with us for ever. There are many situations in life that we feel we are not up to. We are daunted by the prospect of committing ourselves to a partner, of bringing up our children, of educating our family in faith, of feeding and clothing them etc. At the same time we find ourselves at crossroads in life when our decisions are going to have long-term implications for our future. This is when we need an Advocate. Jesus tells us that the Spirit will be by our side if we call upon him. He will defend us and direct us towards the truth, he will sustain us when things prove difficult and he will put words into our mouths when we don't know how to express ourselves. But, unlike other advocates, he won't charge a fee.

**ATTENDANCE** There were 437 people at Mass last week and the collection amounted to **£878.03**. Thank you. ♦ Next Sunday is **World Communications Day** and there will be a retiring collection for The Catholic Communications Network which provides support for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in promoting the Gospel in the media. Please be generous. Thank you.